

Nursery Research Call for 2020 Project Proposals

Each year the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), in cooperation with the Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) and other interested individuals, award financial grants to support research that would benefit the Oregon nursery industry. These grants are primarily funded by the nursery industry itself through the collection of a Nursery Research Assessment Fee collected by the ODA. Last year a total of eleven projects were supported with a total allocation of approximately \$198,000.

Research pre-proposals are now being sought for the 2020 project year. Initial consideration for funding will be based on a review of submitted pre-proposals. **All pre-proposals should be a brief, one (1) to two (2) page overview.** Specific information that must be submitted with all pre-proposals are:

- Date
- Name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail information
- Project background and or/justification
- Project objectives
- Overview of methods and time lines
- Budget summaries (**Note: Indirect costs are unallowable***)
- Benefit to the nursery industry

*** Indirect costs are unallowable under the Nursery Research Grant Program.** Indirect costs (also known as Facilities and Administrative Costs) are those costs incurred for a common or joint purpose benefitting more than one (1) cost objective, and not readily assignable to the cost objective specifically benefitted, without effort disproportionate to the results achieved.

These research funds are collected by ODA on behalf of growers through a licensing or surcharge fee. Per statute 571.230, the funds are for the benefit of that specific industry and the research does not benefit the ODA as a state agency.

All research project proposals should be for a **one-year duration only.**

Projects approved for funding will be expected to deliver a presentation of their results to the nursery industry. A brief **written mid-year report** and a **final report** detailing the research results are required as part of the grant process. These written reports must follow specific guidelines.

Funding for all approved projects is provided in the following allotments:

- 50% paid upon project approval
- 25% paid upon receipt and approval of mid-year report
- 25% payment paid upon receipt and approval of a final report

Research project preproposals are reviewed, evaluated, and prioritized by representatives from the nursery industry. Final approval and grant awards are made by the ODA.

Submit research project pre-proposals via email to: jchin@oda.state.or.us by November 15, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary McAninch at 503-986-4644.